

**REMARKS**

This Response is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of March 17, 2006. The Office Action required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 18-19, drawn to substantially anhydrous lubricant compositions, classified in class 508, subclass 202.
- II. Claims 20-23 and 25, drawn to methods of applying compositions to skin or mucosal surfaces, classified in class 424, subclass 430.
- III. Claim 24, drawn to a method of treating frostbitten skin, classified in class 424, subclass 1+.
- IV. Claim 17, drawn to a method of treating skin or mucosal surfaces, classified in class 424, subclass 1+.

Applicants respectfully provisionally elect the inventions of Group II, with traverse.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement and respectfully submit that the searching of all Groups of claims should not entail a burden upon the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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